

Rabies deaths in Delhi

1114. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of number of persons dying in Delhi due to rabies are increasing;

(b) if so, the details of last three years;

(c) whether there is any shortage of anti-rabies vaccine in Government hospitals in the city; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) As reported by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence, the number of deaths due to rabies in Delhi during the last three years are as follows:

Year	Deaths
2003	7
2004	13
2005	11

(c) and (d) There is no shortage of anti rabies vaccine in the Central Government hospitals in Delhi. As reported by Municipal corporation of Delhi (MCD), there is sufficient stock of anti-rabies vaccine in the anti rabies treatment centers of MCD.

Prevention of bird flu among human beings

1115. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any contingency plan ready to prevent recurrence of bird flu virus in human population in the country in coming months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?